

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

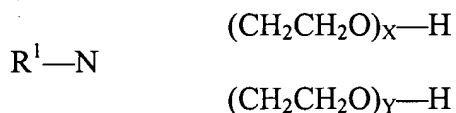
1. (Currently amended) An ink for ink-jet recording comprising an anionic self-dispersing coloring agent, a surfactant having both of a cationic moiety and a nonionic moiety, and water;

wherein a curve, which represents a change of surface tension of the ink with respect to a concentration of the surfactant, has one inflection point, the curve has a first local maximum point and a second local maximum point on a low concentration side and on a high concentration side of the inflection point respectively, and a concentration of the surfactant contained in the ink is higher than a concentration corresponding to the first local maximum point.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently amended) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 2 1, wherein the cationic moiety is N, and the nonionic moiety is ethylene oxide.

4. (Currently amended) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 2 1, wherein the surfactant is an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the following general formula (1):



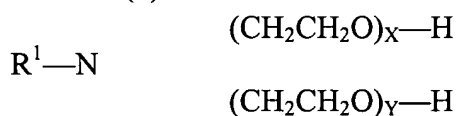
wherein R¹ represents alkyl group having a number of carbon atoms of 8 to 18, and x and y represent integers which satisfy x+y=5 to 15.

5. (Currently amended) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 4, wherein x and y represent integers which satisfy $x + y = 5$, and an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the formula (1) is contained by not less than 0.25% by weight.

6. (Currently amended) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 4, wherein x and y represent integers which satisfy $x + y = 15$, and an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the formula (1) is contained by not less than 0.15% by weight.

7. (Currently amended) An ink cartridge which accommodates the ink for ink-jet recording as defined in claim 2 1.

8. (New) An ink for ink-jet recording comprising an anionic self-dispersing coloring agent, a surfactant having both of a cationic moiety and a nonionic moiety, and water, wherein the surfactant is an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein R^1 represents alkyl group having a number of carbon atoms of 8 to 18, and x and y represent integers which satisfy $x+y=5$ to 15.

9. (New) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 8, wherein x and y represent integers which satisfy $x + y = 5$, and an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the formula (1) is contained by not less than 0.25% by weight.

10. (New) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 8, wherein x and y represent integers which satisfy $x + y = 15$, and an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the formula (1) is contained by not less than 0.15% by weight.

11. (New) An ink cartridge which accommodates the ink for ink-jet recording as defined in claim 8.